

Conservation Working Group
of the
CINMS Advisory Council

Meeting Summary
January 18, 2000

Submitted by Greg Helms, who served as chair in Linda Krop's absence.

Approximately 19 citizen participants and three staff members of the Sanctuary convened on January 18 from 7 – 9 PM at the Chase Palm Park Recreation Center. The agenda for this second meeting of the Conservation Working Group included 1) an update and presentation from Anne Walton on the Sanctuary Management Plan Update process, and 2) a facilitated brainstorm of issues involved in Sanctuary management important to the conservation community as items for review in the Update.

- 1) Update/Review of the Management Plan Update – A. Walton
 - a. Anne gave a slide presentation regarding the proposed scope of study for the plan, reviewing the scoping process and comments given. A discussion of the boundary/study area was given and questions were asked and answered.
- 2) Brainstorm/Discussion of Issues of Interest for Management Plan Update

(see below)

LIST OF ISSUES RAISED BY CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP FOR
MANAGEMENT PLAN

(compiled from butcher paper notes and facilitator memory)

Restoration

Water Quality

- what role for NMS? Need to specify, advocate
- research, education (staff feels comfortable w/ these)
- commenting on other agency actions (staff does this now)
- sewage spills
- runoff (Monterrey program, for example)
- boat discharge
- sewage outfalls
- visitor impacts/sanitation (island kayakers, for example)

Ecosystem Protection

- key species
- habitats
- connectivity
- otters
- food chain, human role in it

Toxic Site Cleanup

- Military toxic dumping sites?

Dredging/sand transport

- harbor issue/impacts

Agency & Management Coordination and Integration

- many agencies w/ jurisdiction
- precedent of NMS / NPS shared activities

Funding

Vessel Traffic (heavy vessels)

- safety (wrecks, small craft)
- pollution (bunker fuel)
- vessel dumping

Tourism/use Impacts

- inc. in park size and visitation

(protection of and support for “intangibles”)

Stewardship

Intrinsic values

Sustainability

Global market influence, considerations

Other issues:

Definition of Conservation

Need for more awareness, outreach and education of interrelationships, holism, coastal/marine/terrestrial resources